

DRUG CANARD IN BURNS CASE

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Florence Bought
Knockout Drops.

SUICIDE FAR FROM MIND.

Brooklyn Tailor Says Walter
Brooks Contemplated an
Easter Suit of Clothes.

The assertion that search is being made in Brooklyn by the District-Attorney's office for a druggist who sold knock-out drops to Florence Burns on the morning of the day on which Walter Brooks met his death is denounced as an utter untruth by Assistant District-Attorney Krotel.

"The publication of such a statement is absolutely without foundation," said Mr. Krotel.

"We know nothing about knock-out drops having been given Walter Brooks and am not investigating along that line. If he had been given anything of the sort it would have developed at the autopsy."

Bought Easter Suit.

A new witness discovered by the District-Attorney is W. T. Thomas, a Brooklyn tailor, who will be called if Miss Burns' attorney presents a suicide theory as a defense. Thomas says that Brooks on the Wednesday before he met his death ordered a new suit for Easter and told him of the outfit he intended purchasing for that event.

Letters of Walter Brooks, showing that he was hopeful of a successful outcome of his business troubles, are also in the District-Attorney's hands and will be introduced to offer the suicide theory.

Hatpin in Evidence.

The latest bit of evidence in the hands of the prosecution is a hatpin said to have belonged to Florence Burns. The end of the pin shows that it had been subjected to extreme heat. This pin will be used to corroborate Mrs. Brooks' testimony about the girl's comb, as the was the instrument used by her in puncturing the comb when she mended it by fastening in the metal teeth.

Tale Bearer.

Fate Bearer, of No. 419 Ocean avenue, Flatbush, may be called to the witness stand to testify to a conversation he had with Florence Burns on a Brighton Beach car on the morning of Walter Brooks' death. She told him she was going to the New York Theatre to join the "Floradora" Company.

The same afternoon she wrote Walter Brooks a letter saying she was going to Detroit. The prosecution wants to bring out the fact that she told two stories about her future movements on that eventful day.

It is said by Tomb attendants that Florence Burns lost her composure for the first time during the recesses of yesterday's hearing. When she returned to the prison during the lunch hour she went to her cell and wept bitterly for an hour, but recovered before she returned to the court-room. During the afternoon the pallor of her face gave way to a delicate flush that heightened her beauty.

Ruth Dunn May Testify.

The prosecution announced that though it had closed its case it might ask for a reopening next Saturday to put on another witness. This is taken to mean that possibly Ruth Dunn, Walter Brooks' reputed fiancée, might be called.

"I was never engaged to Walter Brooks," says Miss Dunn. "Such a thing was never hinted at between us. I liked him very much. He was about the nicest boy I ever knew, and he treated me as he might have treated his own sister. I knew Florence Burns only by sight."

"Walter Brooks spoke to me only once or twice. Florence Burns, I knew as nearly every one of my friends did, that he was going with her, but the only reference he made to her was one evening when he said she had given him some trouble and he wished she would go home. He never said to me that she had threatened him nor intimated that he was afraid of her, though he might have been worried about her."

KILLED ON EVE OF HIS WEDDING DAY.

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Thrown from Locomotive Tender and Mangled Under the Wheels.

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ANACONDA'S DIVIDEND.

Much comment has been caused in Wall street by the fact that directors of the Anaconda Mining Company have failed to call a dividend meeting for the near future. There is a report that both Anaconda and the Amalgamated Copper Company will reduce their dividends or pass them altogether.

GAERTNER MUSICALS.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Gaertner gave a musical last night at their residence, No. 1 Lexington avenue. The programme was made up entirely of Louis A. Von Gaertner's compositions and was interpreted by a full orchestra, under the direction of Emil Paar.

HOW TO RUN RAILROADS.

To-night in Transportation Hall, ninth floor of the University Building, Arthur Hale will deliver an address on "Railroad Organization" before the School of Commerce, Accounts and Finance of the New York University.

HELP FOR THE GRAY.

By the will of Mrs. S. P. Lees, of this city, \$10,000 is to be expended in providing comforts for ex-Confederate soldiers.

HILL DELAYED.

David B. Hill's expected harmony conference with Louis Nixon has been postponed for a few days as the ex-Senator is detained in Albany by the press of personal business.

FEW VOTE AT LARCHMONT.

Only 55 of the 300 electors of Larchmont voted at the village election. The Republican ticket, headed by the name of William H. Campbell, was the only one in the field.

HARDER RAINES LAW.

The Raines amendments to the Raines law which have caused the Senate will, if they become a law, impose much work on the city government, which will be required to make many inspections of Raines hotels.

BARNUM'S PLEASURES FRENCH.

Barnum & Bailey's representative in this city has been advised by wire that the big show's receipts in Paris last week amounted to \$23,154.

GROOM KILLED BY GAS.

Joseph Chavanne, twenty years old, a groom in the employ of Albert R. Skatnick, of No. 19 Washington Square North, was found today in the stable No. 14 Macdonald alley unconscious from illuminating gas. He died at St. Vincent's Hospital soon after. The jet had been accidentally turned on.

SUNDAY FUNERALS VEX HIM.

The Rev. Charles A. Cook, of the First Baptist Church, Bloomfield, N. J., is making a crusade against Sunday funerals.

MEDAL FOR EVERY ONE.

Every employee of Wells-Fargo Co. has been presented with a silver medal in commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the original firm as express carriers.

VERDICT AGAINST A CLUB.

State Commissioner of Excise Cullinan reports that he has recovered a verdict of \$1,000 in the action brought by him against the Trolley Club, of New York, and the sureties on its liquor tax bond. The Trolley Club, trafficked in liquor at No. 322 Sixth avenue.

MUTUAL CONFIDENCES.

WORCESTER, Mass., March 19.—

De Wolf Hopper and a delegation of actors from the Lamb's Club were at the pier of the St. Louis today to see Charles Hawtrey and Miss Jessie Bateman, of "A Message from Mars," which opens soon in London at the Drury Lane Theatre.

Mr. Hawtrey said that he would be very glad to return here again next fall, and when a brother actor slapped him on the back and said "Say, Hawtrey, you're making your name here," he said "I am sorry that I am going and admitted that this was within the bounds of possibility."

Miss Jessie Bateman stood on the promenade deck all smiles surrounded by a bevy of chorus girls and actresses.

Miss Bateman said she had enjoyed her stay over here very much and was very sorry to have to go away.

Ben Stevens, a well known theatrical manager, is also a passenger on the St. Louis. Mr. Stevens will take charge of the production of "Ben Hur," which opens soon in London at the Drury Lane Theatre.

Col. P. P. Tchernikovsky, of the Imperial Russian Navy, also sailed on the steamship. The Colonel was sent to the United States to superintend the construction of the two warships that the Grampian navy built in New York Government.

He said: "If Russia should need any more warships from a foreign country America will get the order. The United States is far ahead of any of the European countries in the building of battleships and their ideas are more advanced."

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